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Girton Parish Council

Summer Recess for our Council?

Girton Parish Council has a short summer recess in August. Our Full Council meeting was held on August 10 to ensure that our suppliers were paid, and any other urgent decisions could be made.

However, our new council has been coming together in workshops and also a few councillors have been meeting on Friday mornings at Lexi's Café. Information from the workshops will be published in subsequent editions of Girton Parish News and on our website.

Thank you to Councillor Andy Griffin

This month our thanks go to Cllr Griffin who has resigned after many years of service. Cllr Griffin has been at the forefront of Environmental work in Girton, and his expertise will be missed.

Parish Council Vacancy

As a result of Cllr Griffin's resignation, we have a vacancy on the council. Notices have been posted in Girton and on our community website and social media channels. An election for this casual vacancy can be called by a request made in writing to South Cambridgeshire District Council by 10 electors from the Girton Parish area, within 14 working days of the date of the notice posted on 17 August 2022. The 14-day period finishes at the end of the day on 7 September 2022. If an election has not been called in this time, then Girton Parish Council will aim to co-opt a Councillor to this casual vacancy.

Local Aircraft Noise

There has been a lot of discussion about aircraft noise and the re-routing of flight paths on social media recently, investigations continue into what control councils may have. RAF Wittering has also been doing night flying exercises on 16 and 18 August which may have been audible in the village.

Meanwhile, the new Luton flight paths came into operation in February and will be reviewed after a year by the CAA, you can contact them at tinyurl.com/58ffvav5. There is also a private Facebook group for comments RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>.

Communication Channels

Your engagement to our communication channels continues to grow, many thanks for all your feedback. Our village Facebook page has doubled over the last few months, averaging 20 new members over the last few weeks. Girton Parish Council are now able to reach 1,000 people with news that may be needed quickly. If there is any news that you would like Girton Parish Council to cover, please do email clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk

Full Council Meetings


Members of the public are welcome to join our Parish Council meetings. Our Full Council meetings and many of our Planning meetings are held in Girton Pavilion on the second Wednesday of each month from 7pm. If you have any topics you would like us to consider please email clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk

Council Contact Details

For more information, please see our Parish Council contact page towards the back of this edition of Girton Parish News.

Parish Clerk

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL



VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

1. There is a vacancy on the above Council caused by the resignation of Cllr Andy Griffin
2. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (computed in accordance with the Regulations) from the date below ten electors for the parish give notice in writing requesting that an election be held.
3. Such notice must be delivered to the Returning Officer at: South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated: 17th August 2022

Signed:
Clerk

Address: Girton Parish Council, The Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0FH

FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Corinne Garvie

The District Council deals with housing, planning, licencing, business support, environmental health, recycling, bins, climate emergency, nature, and help with benefits and council tax.

Cost of Living: Support and Information in one place

South Cambs District Council has now created a 'Cost of Living' webpage, which will be kept updated with all known support information in one place. This will be replicated in the September issue of the South Cambs Magazine. It includes general advice and personal support; financial help and household grants; childcare, health, food, and travel cost support; energy advice and home improvements. Visit:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>

East West Rail drop-in event, Haslingfield Village Hall

The July drop-in event was cancelled due to the heatwave, and has now been rescheduled for 9 September, 2-8pm, at Haslingfield Village Hall.

Business news

On the South Cambs District Council's website, you can sign up for the free newsletter on the Open for Business page.

Working in hot temperatures

While there's no law for maximum working temperature, employers must keep workplaces at a comfortable temperature. The Health and Safety Executive's temperature website (<https://www.hse.gov.uk/temperature/>) has practical guidance for businesses on how to manage the risks, so people can work safely in hot conditions.

This practical guidance includes advice on:

- managing workplace temperature
- outdoor working
- heat stress

Food allergen awareness resources

Businesses operating in the food retail and catering sector, are required, by law, to provide clear allergen information and follow labelling rules to indicate the presence of allergenic ingredients. To help meet these legal requirements, The Chartered Trading Standards Institute, in partnership with Trading Standards Wales and Great Gwent Food Group, has released multilingual allergen resources for food businesses. The resources are freely available (<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/practitioners/food-allergen-resource/>) and will help increase knowledge and awareness of food allergens.

Webinar: How to do business with the Council

If you would like to find out how local businesses, especially smaller ones, can win bids for local authority contracts register for our free webinar from 2pm to 3pm on 14 September when our Procurement Officer will explain how to write successful tenders. Register to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-do-business-with-the-council-tickets-392412936657>

Funding to support vulnerable migrants

Not-for-profit organisations, and private law firms who work with vulnerable young migrants, can apply for grants of up to £30,000. The grants will enable strategic legal work to benefit young migrants living in poverty, who face significant disadvantage, or discrimination, in connection with their immigration status. The average grant size is around £12,000.

The funding is being made available through the Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants. The closing date for applications is 30 August 2022.

<http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/>

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Girton Walking Group

On Saturday 6 August, 15 of us had a lovely walk from Fenstanton to the Fen Drayton Lakes RSPB Nature Reserve. See photos below...

Saturday 3rd September: Cambourne – Caxton – Bourn circular

This is a varied six mile walk through part of the extensive nature reserves of Cambourne and across farmland to the south, touching the fringes of Caxton and Bourn. We'll plan a rest stop, so bring refreshments.



We meet at 10am at the car park for Cambourne Nature Reserve (aka Oaks Wood Car Park). After turning off the A428 to Cambourne, take the second exit at the roundabout (NOT to the Morrison's car park), then turn right at the next T-junction. The road wiggles past the primary school, and the car park is on the right just before the sign for Lower Cambourne. When we

were last there, the 'P' car park sign had been knocked over but there was a temporary sign on the verge to 'Cambourne Nature Reserve'. For Satnav, the postcode is CB23 5AB.

The walk will be led by Angela and Simon Blackburn, email: angela.blackburn@cantab.net, phone 07482 222536.

Saturday 1st October: Knapwell circular

This walk of five and a half miles, from the church in Knapwell, covers mostly fields and includes a nature reserve. The track rises and falls a bit more than usual.

Use the postcode CB23 4NW to find the church. The track to the church is on your left as you enter the village of Knapwell. Please be aware the sign is easily missed, although there is also a sign to the nature reserve pointing the same way.



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Our last few days of the summer term were great, we had our leavers presentation, and an end of term party for all the preschool children. We played party games, danced and ate lots of food!



Every year, we always reflect on how lucky we are to have been part of the children's journey. To see them grow and thrive during their time at preschool is a privilege. We will miss them all very much and wish them so

much success for their future, may they all continue to be amazing! Some of the children who left this year have been with us for the full two years, so it's going to be very strange coming back in September without them. We hope to see those that are going to Girton Glebe through the fence though!

If you are new, or returning families, joining us in the new term, we start back on Monday 5 September. We can't wait to welcome you all.

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I'm writing on Wednesday 17th August. In the rest of the UK, the heatwaves have relented; rain has fallen; floods are occurring. Girton seems undecided whether to go along with the national trend. The sun is shining; it's quite hot; and rainfall has skirted the village so far. A common topic of conversation for years has been how Girton seems to be under an umbrella, depriving us of the rain falling right up to our edges.

For weeks, TV, radio and newspapers have carried reports of extreme temperatures; straw-coloured grass crackly and brittle underfoot; hard baked soils and dust bowls; plants, wild and cultivated, parched and struggling to survive. Rather than spell out the conditions on the allotment site, I only need to say it is a microcosm of national conditions (except that the water reservoirs beneath our pumps have survived well, and members are too sensible to have lit any fires).

I think I'm gauging members' moods right when I say that working our plots has been more of a chore this year rather than the usual enjoyable activity. The reasons, in brief: poor success rate in seed germination (the reasons much debated); plagues of blackfly ruining broad beans and, unusually, other plants; and, of course, the heat and drought. All has contributed to disappointing results.



Water carrier

Day after day, for weeks, folk have queued at the two pumps, 7 o'clockish in the morning and again in the evening. Pump handles are heaved up and down, watering cans and a plethora of other water carriers are filled.

Members trudge back to their plots. A can of water doesn't go far if crops are given a proper drenching, which experts tell us is needed, not just a light trickle. Back in

June, I remarked on hardy souls scratching at the dry earth. Who would have expected such conditions to the end of August? At the height of the heatwave, the site is deserted, apart from occasional heat-resistant souls, who perhaps want to access the pumps without queueing.

I lifted a few roots of potatoes today. The soil to a depth of the fork tines came up dry as dust, some blowing away in the breeze.

The prolonged drought, some health issues and plants struggling and failing early on contributed to my decision to give up on watering and on tending the vegetables which early in the spring I had sown and nurtured. Yet even as I let nature take its course and resigned myself to no harvest some glimmers of hope kept me engaged: courgettes, which seem to survive anything, and tomatoes. (I and many other members have had a splendid year for tomatoes. The hot sun has given them a lovely extra sweetness). Overall, however, I was governed by my conviction that this is a hobby which should be a pleasure, and, as the gambling warnings say, "when the fun stops ...".

But all credit to those whose approach has been different, and who have watered day after day, and worked to keep their crops alive and well. The satisfaction from harvesting, cooking and eating hard-won produce will be well deserved. There has been, as usual, much mutual help between members, looking out for areas of need when neighbours are on holiday. And I am grateful for water carrying done for me. Surplus crops are shared around.

I like to talk around with members to gauge their successes and failures. There have certainly been some of the former, but more of the latter this year. Nowhere near my own defeatist decisions, but there is generally an acknowledgement and disappointment that overall it hasn't been the best of years. But we must put it into perspective: it's a hobby for us. Let's be aware of farmers and other commercial growers for whom the success or failure of their endeavours is the fate of livelihoods, indeed lives, an existential matter.

Graham Jones, Girton Allotment Society

Codeword solution (see page 17)

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It is in this climate, the curtain rises in the Tower of London: not just a fortress and a palace but, by now, a place of fear and dread. An important event is about to take place – an execution! Usually this would be a cause of excitement, something to look forward to, but the prisoner, Fairfax, who is about to lose his head is not guilty of any crime. He is a war hero, popular with the people, and the victim of jealousy and envy. The Wardens of The Tower are not looking forward to executing their duty – or Fairfax!

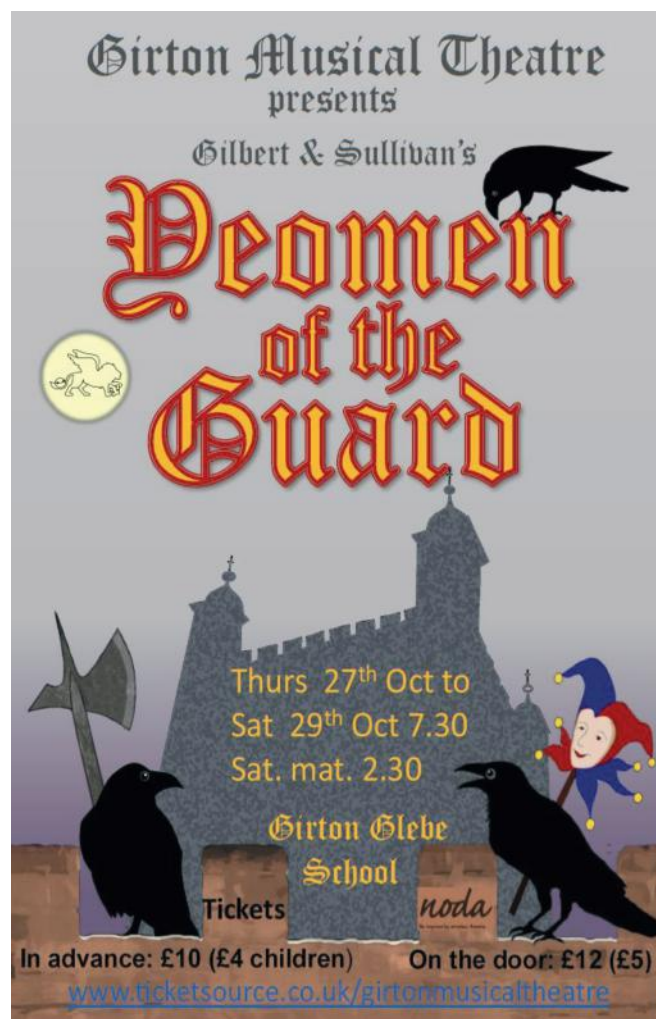
Enter Phoebe, who has fallen in love with the condemned man and would do anything to help him gain his freedom, as would her (misogynist) father and brother, because they both owe their lives to him. Wilfred, the head jailer, and assistant tormentor would really like to marry Phoebe, so has a vested interest in despatching this brave soldier. A band of players arrive to join in the festivities and one of them is asked to help Fairfax wreak revenge on his false accuser (a relative who has given false evidence on the charge of sorcery). This singer is Elsie, loved by Jack Point, a comedian, but who doesn't want to declare his honourable intentions just yet.

Thus, we embark on an intricate and highly (un)believable plot of love and intrigue, camaraderie and duty, disappointment, and desire. Who will fall in love with whom? Who finds themselves a prospective husband – and is pleased at the prospect? Who is responsible for the graffiti on the Tower walls? Why do the Ravens insist on sticking their beaks into human proceedings?

To find the answers to these questions please come to The Glebe School on one of these dates: Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 October 2022 at 7.30pm, or 2.30pm on the 29 October. Tickets in advance: £10 (£4 children). from www.ticketsource.co.uk/girtonmusicaltheatre or on the door: £12 (£5 children).

Are you ladder trained?

Girton Musical Theatre is looking for volunteers to help with the preparations for their forthcoming production of the Yeomen of the Guard. We will be building the set over the weekend of 21 to the 23 October. This includes climbing ladders to hang stage lights from the school lighting bars. There are also non-ladder tasks involved! We are also interested to hear from anyone who would like to help with front of house (selling tickets and programmes, etc) between 27 and 29 October. For more information, please email helen@girtonmusicaltheatre.org.uk



Earlybirds WI

As we had no formal meetings for August, the Earlybirds met several times over the summer on Girton recreation ground,

sometimes buying coffee and cake from Lexi's Friday café (the cakes are delicious, and we like to support Lexi's initiative).

We sat and chatted, putting the world to rights, and just had fun being together. Our next formal meeting is on Friday 9 September at 10.30am at the CFWI office, our speaker will be Brenda Horton on 'Operation Child Christmas Shoe Boxes'. Do come and join us.

Meeting at the CFWI office in Girton on the second Friday morning each month

For more information email our secretary: k.m.richardson.1157@gmail.com

Trish Peroni

GIRTON scoreboard



Girton Bowls Club

Our normal worry as we approach our annual Open Triples Tournament is whether the rain will dampen proceedings, but this year with temperatures of 33°C forecast, our biggest concern was keeping all participants cool and sheltered from the sun. Fortunately our members were able to provide numerous gazebos and large garden umbrellas which were erected around the green to provide shade for the 18 teams taking part. We had a fabulous BBQ lunch followed by strawberries and cream and a well-stocked licensed bar which was available all day. Our main sponsors, Peasgood and Skeates, very generously provided the prize monies again this year and were in attendance to present the prizes at the end of the event: £150 first prize, £90 second prize and the losing semi-finalists receiving £30 each. The competition was won by a team from Earls Barton in Northamptonshire, who beat Coleridge in a very close final 5–4. We have since received many thanks from teams who took part, congratulating us on a very successful, well-organised tournament. The green received many compliments on its fantastic condition; all credit to our dedicated maintenance team. Our thanks also go to all the Club volunteers who worked so hard to make it such a successful day.



Volunteers

As the season progresses we have now played the majority of our league games; in the C&D League Division 3, Girton is currently top of the league, in the E&D League, Girton A is in 4th position and Girton B is now in 3rd position, having played 20 games and won 13. In the Business Houses League, Girton is in 7th position and in the Meldreth League we are in 6th position.

In the ongoing external competitions Paul Foster, Dave Fryer and Alan Benton have reached the final of the Lacon Cup 3 wood triples after an incredibly close match against Milton which went to an extra end.

In the C&D men's pairs, Dave Fryer and Alan Benton won their semi-final against a Histon pair at Milton and now play in the final.

In the ladies' pairs, Janet Graaff and Carey Horton also won their semi-final match against a very experienced pair from Haddenham, 24–13 and now go through to the final to play a team from Trumpington.

In the mixed pairs, after being 1–10 down, Janet Graaff and Alan Benton scored 3 to go ahead on the final end to win their quarter final at Coton 20–19, the only time they were ahead in the match and now play the semi-final against a Haddenham pair at Longstanton on 20th August. In the Over 60s Alan Benton won 21–13 in the semi-final and is through to the final.

In the Treasurer's and Secretaries competition, Carey Horton

and Alan Benton won 21–15 in the quarter final against Sawston and now play against Great Chesterford at Milton on 19th August.

All the finals will be played at Barton on 10th September, congratulations to all our competitors on a marvellous performance and good luck with their remaining matches.

The Club played host again this year to approximately 20 members of the 41 Club (Rotary Club), who were able to try their hand at bowling with guidance from several bowls club members. Girton were also selected to host the C&D semi-finals on Friday 19th August, which we were delighted to do.

As well as the external finals being played in September, our internal finals will take place on Sunday 11th September, which will mark the end of another very successful season of bowls.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining Girton Bowls Club, please see our website www.girtonbowlsclub.weebly.com or contact our Secretary, Carey Horton, at carey@horton.uk.net. We are always very pleased to welcome new members.

Lynne McGill



Girton Colts Football Club

Girton Colts are back after a relaxing summer break! This season we have 8 teams competing in the FA Cambridgeshire leagues from Under 7 to Under 15.

First matches start early September, but we do have a little question mark over the state of the ground, which of course is a rather bright golden yellow colour at the moment. Of course, we have Super Chris on the case and we'll play as soon as we are able.

Kickabout

In addition to our teams we have our Kickabout sessions. These sessions run weekly in term time and are a mixture of technical skills and fun football-based games. They are open to girls and boys in years 2–6 (U7–U11 age groups) who are not in any of our teams. Tuesday 5.30–6.30pm (boys and girls) and Wednesday 5–6pm (girls only). For more information please contact teamsec@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Committee members

We need committee members please! This year is the final year for a lot of our main committee members and we have had very little response to anyone stepping forward to help. The club cannot run without the committee, and we desperately need volunteers to fill the roles of Club Secretary and Membership Secretary, in addition to this there are other roles too that need to be allocated, so this really is a call for help. If you're interested, please contact chair@girtoncolts.co.uk.

Thank you to The George!

At the end of July, The George pub raised over £200 for the Girton Colts at a band night they held at a Sunday lunch event. We are so very grateful to The George, their patrons and the band 'Big Mountain' for digging deep and raising something for our cause. To raise over £200 is truly brilliant and thank you from all of the little and big players from our local club!

The committee and all of the village wish all our teams the best of luck this season!

Andrew Hawkes, Chairman



Girton Tennis Club

The Rocket Cup 2022 competition has now finished and we are planning an award ceremony during this month. Check our website for details of where and when. Many thanks to all those who took part in playing or organising this new local competition. One of our committee members reports:

“There has been plenty of good tennis over the 4 weeks of competition, with over 40 tournament matches played across all categories. It’s been a great pleasure to see so many players enjoying a friendly competition and producing some quality tennis under pressure. We had supporters turning up to watch and cheer, a scoreboard engineer (Nguyen) and even very professional ball girls for the finals (Alicia and Giang).

The finals for the Seniors and Juniors were played on Saturday and Sunday respectively. After two tense and closely contested matches that went down to a final tie-break, the winners and runner-ups of the competition were:

Senior Cup

Winner: Victor Travieso
Runner-up: Nghia Nguyen

Junior Cup

Winner: Mark Misquitta
Runner-up: Aidan Prentice

A mini-Wimbledon competition ran alongside this for the youngest players (U11), won by Nguyen and runner-up Alicia.”

The tennis club has use of the recreation ground courts and members who purchase a key and have a confirmed booking have court access during most daylight hours. Club members meet and play from around 7.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. Potential new members are very welcome to come along to our Friday club nights for one or two free sessions to check it all out.

Details about our activities can be found on our website www.girtontennisclub.uk or by contacting our Membership Secretary by email at info@girtontennisclub.uk.

Alan Franklin



Girton Golf Club

Our Men’s Club Championship, with 36 holes being played in one day, took place on one of the hottest of the year, Saturday 13th, but our amazing Craig Russell managed to win both Scratch and Handicap titles, with Junior Captain Ben Shanks coming 2nd in the Handicap competition and Peter Dean 2nd in the Scratch. Congratulations to all who took part, and survived in such tricky conditions, and especially to Ben who at 15 is a credit to the club and his family.

On Monday 15th August, Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union held their delayed annual Interclub Senior Club Champion Trophy 2022 at Girton with 60 competitors from 16 clubs playing in teams of 3 with the best 2 stableford scores counting. Girton’s 2 teams took part in what was meant to be a cooler day. Some hope!

One of the Girton teams, consisting of Alan Henderson-Smith, Robin Guymer and Barry Franklin, was spread throughout the field and the scores came through slowly during the afternoon: 37 points

for Alan, 33 for Robin and then a great 39 from Barry, very late in the day, gave us a score of 76, with a 33 as a tie breaker if needed. The results were announced and in second place were Cambridgeshire with 75 and Girton had won first place. A wonderful win for Girton against a county wide field of very strong teams.



Winners of CAGU Senior Club Championship 2022

A team, consisting of 5 mixed pairs, from Girton has reached the last 16 of the national Inter-Clubs Mixed Team Knockout Championships by beating Barnham Broom, Eaton and now Newmarket Links. The next round is against Bedfordshire Golf Club, so the very best of luck to them. A great achievement to get this far.

Membership is still open at Girton so should you be

tempted to join a successful golf club for all the fun and health benefits that brings, contact either our office or Pro shop for more information. Whatever your age or golfing experience. Remember also, you can just wander down to the end of Dodford Lane and enjoy a coffee and lunch in relaxed comfortable surroundings – give us a go.

Alan Henderson-Smith
Tel: 01223 276169

Girton Netball Club



This month we swapped playing netball for watching netball, with the Commonwealth Games providing lots of opportunities to see the game played at the highest level both live and on TV. While the TV coverage is great, there’s nothing like seeing netball played in person, not

least for the showbiz atmosphere with disco lights, pumping music and audience participation all adding to the excitement. The Commonwealth Games netball tournament was hosted at the NEC and a few lucky team members had tickets for the quarter-, semi- and final matches. Hopes were high to see the England Vitality Roses reach the final, but Jamaica, Australia and New Zealand all out performed and the Roses ended their run in that worst of all places – fourth.

We look forward to seeing them return to form in time for the Netball World Championships in Cape Town in 2023.

Meanwhile, we stay focused on our own performance with coaching resuming from 5th September. New members always welcome whether you’re looking to compete or just a fun way to get some regular exercise. Training is on Mondays 6.30–7.45 at Girton Rec. Email girton.village.netball@gmail.com or facebook: Girton Netball Club.

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CODEWORDS

Each number 1-26 represents a different letter of the alphabet. Can you work out which is which? Use your word skills and the clues included. Note that Codewords can include names or well-known phrases. Answers are on page 11.

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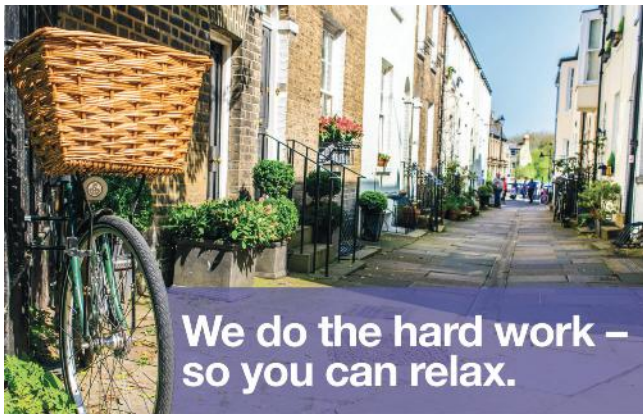
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WORDSEARCH – WEATHER WORDS 2022

Can you find all these words in the grid? They can read left to right, right to left, Up or Down or Diagonally. Tick them off as you go.

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BLUE	FLOOD	SCORCH
BREEZE	HAIL	SHADOW
CAT	HIGH	SHINE
CHILL	HOT	SHOWER
CLEAR	HURRICANE	SNOW
COLD	ICICLE	SOAK
CLOUDY	LOW	SUMMER
DRIFT	LIGHT	SUN
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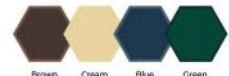
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Holiday truths

Listening Lantern Holiday Truths

My August Facebook feature entitled Holiday Truths, shared some wonderful photo images and the real stories behind them. The spectacular mountain view: with the hair-raising description of the road, along narrow tracks with adjacent sheer drops. The amazing date palms: with the acknowledgement that this photo was snapped due to a break in a walk because of an injury.

Social media doesn't always show the truth, tell the real story, or represent events accurately. The more honesty we share, the more likely others are to do the same.

Signposting

A reminder of the Listening Lantern Food Hut, situated on St Vincent's Close, offering a small selection of tinned foods for anyone to pick up for FREE – no explanations needed. Thank you to all who have contributed to this hut.

Mental Health First Aid and Suicide First Aid

I am due to meet with some Parish Councillors to discuss further ways in which the mental health and well-being of our community can be supported.

From September onwards, I am offering enhanced packages of both MHFA and SFA training to fully equip people to support others. This runs alongside ongoing free network and support sessions for trainees, so that they themselves are supported.

Juliet Adlouné, a longstanding Girton resident, is a fully qualified and accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor, and Suicide First Aid Associate Tutor, experienced in delivering the full suite of MHFA and SFA courses and committed to supporting mental health within her local community. Contact her via:

www.facebook.com/listeninglantern.julietadlouné or mhfa.julietadlouné@gmail.com



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Please could anyone interested in collecting donations in Sainsbury's foyer this year please contact Wendy asap. This year the dates are between 29th October and 13th November

Lest we Forget

Committed to helping Residents

As an Almshouse charity, Girton Town Charity's primary purpose is to relieve the needs of residents in the Village with housing provision. GTC currently has 13 Almshouses and a further 15 Passivhaus, energy efficient homes, will be available for over 55's on completion of Dovehouse Court later this year.



Schemes and Grants

GTC operate a range of schemes and grants to enable individuals to lead as full a life as possible in the comfort and safety of their own homes. In addition the charity supports groups and activities for the benefit of residents in the Parish, and has a remit to improve public space and enhance the environment for everyone living in Girton. The charity may not legally fund requests that are the statutory responsibility of local or national government. Full details of schemes and grants currently available are detailed on our website www.girtontowncharity.org.uk

Making housing a priority

The GTC endowment is invested for the benefit of Girton residents in perpetuity. Only the annual income received from our financial investments can be used for schemes, grants and services. Trustees are committed to building a significant Maintenance Fund to ensure that the portfolio of 28 Almshouses retain their high quality build standard and can be replaced at a time in the future.

As part of the financial endowment has been disinvested to finance the construction of the most recent Almshouse programme, the income received from GTC investments will be proportionately reduced. This has resulted in Trustees having to review grant giving to external charities, all of which have been informed, in order to ensure direct support to residents in need can continue.

Almshouse Maintenance Contractor

We are looking for a skilled Maintenance Contractor to perform day-to-day repairs and checks for 28 Girton Town Charity Almshouses located in the Village. You will have general property maintenance experience and be willing to learn, or adapt work practices to new building technology (specifically Passivhaus). Ideally you will have some IT skills and be self-employed.

Requirements and skills

- Inspect and troubleshoot equipment and systems (including Passivhaus and MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery) systems)
- Conduct maintenance tasks, ranging from changing light bulbs to fixing plumbing leaks
- Undertake routine testing of safety systems
- Communicate effectively with residents and other professionals

Person specification

- Property maintenance knowledge, skills and experience
- Willingness to understand or adapt to Passivhaus practices
- Holder of a valid UK driving licence with own vehicle
- Physically fit and able to use hand/power tools
- Good communication skills
- Ability to prioritise issues and respond effectively
- Excellent diagnostic and problem-solving skills
- Relevant insurance cover and certifications

Girton Town Charity, is registered with the Charity Commission and exists to help Girton residents, both as individuals and collectively. The Charity's primary purpose is provision of Almshouses within the Village and relief of the needs of our elderly residents. In addition, GTC offers a range of Schemes and Grants to help both individuals and groups.

Closing date: 30th September 2022
Full details available from/applications to:

Girton Town Charity
22 High Street, Girton,
Cambridge CB3 0PU
01223 276008
email: gtc@girtontowncharity.org.uk

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New activities

The Covid pandemic resulted in closure of the Centre for more than a year but since last April, clubs and organisations have returned. The Centre now has a staff of three who are organising a broader programme for the whole community across the age range and would be delighted to hear suggestions on new activities from residents.

Subsidised hire

Although hire rates have recently been reviewed as a result of increased energy prices, hourly rates for Girton groups and organisations remain heavily subsidised by GTC.

If you have not visited the centre and would like to look around please contact one of the duty managers. Full information, centre photographs and current activity programme are detailed on the website

www.williamcollyn.co.uk

Girton Town Charity exists for purposes which include

the relief of need in Girton, either individually or collectively, or the support of any charitable purpose for

the benefit of the inhabitants of Girton.

Enquiries on behalf of individuals or village organisations may be made in confidence and addressed to any of the Trustees below:

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Please see website for up to date details of Clubs and Classes www.williamcollyn.co.uk
Information correct at time of going to press.

Monday

9.30 - 1.00pm	Tumble Tots
2.00 - 3.00pm	Kurling for over 55's
6.30 - 7.30pm	Clubbercise
8.00 - 9.30pm	Whole Notes Gospel Choir

Tuesday

8.30 - 9.30am	Yoga with Julia Dale
10.00 - 11.00am	Yoga with Julia Dale
6.00 - 7.00pm	Bounce
7.30 - 10.30pm	Easton Swing

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm	Tiny Toes Ballet
6.00 - 6.45pm	Bounce
7.00 - 10.00pm	The W.I. (monthly - first Weds)
7.00 - 10.00pm	Girton Garden Society (monthly - second Weds)

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30am	Pilates
5.45 - 6.45pm	Pilates
7.15pm & 8.15pm	Ballroom Dance Classes

Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm	Little City Toddler Play (monthly - second Friday)
7.30 - 8.30pm	Easton Swing (monthly - third Friday)

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It's been dry

There really is no need for me to tell you that the weather over the last few weeks has been very dry and hot but that's not the case for our club news this month. It's holiday time and we don't have any hot or exciting news to impart but our activities have not dried up. We seem to be getting back to a more normal level of activity albeit that many of our older members are now too ill to take part or in some cases have died.

Let us know if you would like to join in some of our lunches or other functions. Loneliness does not help health and I know there are some people out there living a very lonely life. If you are someone who rarely gets out why not come along to one of our lunches to make friends and chat. It might be that you know someone who would benefit from an afternoon out with friends. Could you persuade them to come along, even bring them along for their first visit? It could be an elderly parent or friend who just needs a little encouragement to get out. Why not make a huge effort yourself to get out and about? If you have any doubts about coming contact us or speak with Patricia Johnston our Older Peoples Coordinator about what happens at our functions - we'll be happy to see you.

Our lunch at Abbeyfield Girton Green on the 27th July was another very successful event. The food was great and the service excellent. Jacen our musical entertainer sang some of the older songs and many people sang along. A glass of wine and coffee was included in the meal and to top it all off After Eight mints were handed out...we know how to live! Why not pop in to Abbeyfield to see us on a Monday morning between 10am and 12noon - it's our computer help day but coffee and cakes are always available as is our scintillating chat.

The next lunch is booked for 28th September at The Three Tuns Fen, Drayton. I have not yet managed to get a menu for that day but I will circulate it when it becomes available. Arrangements to get you there are in hand but again I cannot say for certain how that will happen. Transport costs are rising so fast it will be necessary to find the most economical form of getting everyone there.

We are looking at an unusual Christmas function on the 14th December and something early in the New Year for those people in and around the village receiving care from Girton's wonderful carers.

For more details contact Sam Clift:

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September Wine Selection

Porta 6 2020 (Portugal) – a refreshing regional wine from Lisbon



This Vinho Regional (Regional Wine) from the Lisbon area is a blend of Tinta Roriz (50%), Castelão (40%) and Touriga Nacional (10%), and is a smooth, silky wine, with balanced acidity and a lengthy finish. With aromas of blackberry, cherry and vanilla on the nose, and flavours of cherry, plum and a pleasant spiciness on the palate, this is an attractive wine offering excellent value for money.

This is a wine to enjoy by itself, or as a perfect accompaniment for lamb or a pasta dish. Available from **Co-op, Sainsbury's, Tesco** (£7-£8).

Denbies Rose Hill NV (England) – a rosé from Surrey to brighten your day!



Denbies Wine Estate on the North Downs in Surrey planted their first vines in 1986. The vineyard has grown to become the largest wine producer in the UK, producing a million bottles a year. A blend of Pinot Noir and Rondo grapes, the Rose Hill is a flavourful off-dry rosé, with raspberry and candy floss on the nose, leading to a palate bursting with flavours of rhubarb, strawberries and cream, and a touch of toffee-apple and caramel.

A refreshing, well-balanced wine, which can be enjoyed by itself or with a salad, light chicken, or fish/seafood dish.

Available from **Grape Britannia** (£9.99)

Les Hauts de Saint Martin, Saint-Chinian 2020 (Languedoc)



The vineyards of Languedoc-Roussillon in southern France cover a vast area along the Mediterranean coast. Here you can find a wide range of wine styles, producing predominantly red wines. This Saint-Chinian wine is from vineyards located at the southern end of the Massif Central, just 20 miles from the coast, enabling the grapes to benefit from long, hot summers and mild winters, resulting in a smooth, rich, full-bodied wine.

A blend of Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Mourvèdre grapes, this is a dry wine with medium acidity and medium tannins. Aromas of mint, plum, and blackberries, lead to a palate bursting with red and black fruits, vanilla and spice, and a lingering finish.

A quality wine offering very good value for money. This is a perfect wine for roast beef, lamb, or steak.

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The wellspring of life

The BBC programme “Extraordinary Portraits” has recently showcased the talents and skills of many young artists.

As subject and painter have become acquainted through the exchange of stories about life, experience, motivation and opportunity, there has emerged a modern gallery of history in the making.

Perhaps more for curiosity and entertainment, Madame Tussauds, the building that houses the life-sized images of celebrities, enables the visitor to stand alongside heroes and villains in otherwise unlikely encounters.

Yet, these portraits and waxwork images can only capture an external likeness, frozen in a moment of time during the span of life.

The missing factor is the breath of life, that surging flow of energy, firing up each unique system from brain to feet and all the complex organisms that form the body of a human being.

The Genesis record in the Scriptures offers its own description of the involvement of Creator God in this life-giving process.

Genesis 2v7. “And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.” Yet, distracted by outward appearances so beloved by the media, we too often judge by what is outwardly visible. In Samuel ch.16v7, we read, “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

We have no authentic portraits of Jesus, although the world of art and religion teems with speculative offerings. We do not need an outward likeness to recognize the presence of the risen Christ. In Bethlehem they asked the question:

“Who is he, in yonder stall
At whose feet the shepherds fall?”
And we have our own question to ask:
“Who is he, who from the grave
Comes to heal, to help and save?”
The hymn writer answers, as we may also say,
“Tis the Lord, O wondrous story
Tis the Lord, the King of Glory.”

Our spirit recognizes the splendour of his being.

The 2017 film *Breathe*, featuring actors Andrew Garfield and Claire Foy, tells the true story of a man who survived over the decades of paralysis and dependence on a breathing machine. Yet, his inability to participate in active life did not daunt his spirit. Friends and family were welcome at his side, sharing interests and enjoying humour and conversation. He unleashed the inner wellspring and let it flow out.

We recognize each other by the presentation of outward appearances, but it is what we speak, how our spirit moves us to behave, and what is in our heart towards others that will bind us together.

Iris Niven.





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Sunday Services: September

4th	10:00am - Holy Communion 7:45pm - Taize Service (in person)
11th	8:00am - Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am - All-age Communion 6:00pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)
18th	10:00am - Holy Communion 6:00pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)
25th	8:00am - Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am - Morning Prayer 4:00pm - Contemporary Style Worship
2nd Oct	10:00am - Holy Communion 7:45pm - Taize Service (Online)

Weekday Services: September

Tues	9am Morning Prayer (said) 3:45pm Choir Church (during school term time)
Weds	9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online)
Thurs	9am Morning Prayer (said) (Online) 9pm Compline (said) (Online)

Other Services:

8th	4:00pm - Messy Church
14th	2:00pm - Abbeyfield Holy Communion
20th	2:15pm - Arlington Manor Holy Communion
29th	11:00am - Grettton Court Holy Communion (BCP)

You are welcome to join us for worship in person or remotely at <http://bit.ly/GirtonParishLive>. Please check the church website for up-to-date information (www.girton.church).

Please note that we will now be holding 8.00am BCP services, twice a month. The Taizé service will be held in person this month all are welcome. Please email Kay Barrett at: singing.kay@gmail.com for details.

O God, we pray for our schools and universities. Help us all to value the experience of studying for its own sake. Bless our life together as a learning and teaching community, and make us wise but not cunning, perceptive but not cynical, and generous in a world where greed and ruthlessness often prevail, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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4 th	10.30am Morning Worship & communion, led by Nick Lowe
11 th	10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe
18 th	10.30am Morning Worship & communion, led by Nick Lowe
25 th	10.30am Morning Worship, led by Nick Lowe

All are welcome.

Messy Church starts again on Thursday 8 September from 3.30pm. Messy Church is for parents and their children, with craft activities based on a Biblical theme, a story, and a meal together. If you would like to find out more, please contact us or just come along.

For further details about any of the above, including the online link for the service, please ring 07483 334860 or email pastor@girtonbaptistchurch.org.uk.

In the 17th century, only Psalms were sung in the churches. The English non-conformist minister Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was concerned that it was not easy for people to see how the Psalms related to Christ, and that the singing in churches had become very boring! He believed strongly that singing should express the religious feeling of the people. So, he started writing hymns suitable for congregational singing, to help communicate the gospel, hymns based on the Psalms. Watts was prolific and wrote hundreds of hymns and has been described as "the liberator of English hymnody". His hymns moved people away from simply singing Old Testament psalms, and inspired people to sing from the heart, with faith and understanding.

Psalm 19 is a wonderful Psalm that reveals God through his Creation and his Word. Watts used this Psalm to write his hymn, "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord." Here are some verses of this hymn.

*The heav'ns declare Thy glory, Lord,
in ev'ry star Thy wisdom shines;
but when our eyes behold Thy Word,
we read Thy Name in fairer lines.*

*Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest
Till through the world thy truth has run
Till Christ has all the nations blest,
That see the light or feel the sun.*

*Thy noblest wonders here we view
in souls renewed and sins forgiv'n;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
and make Thy Word my guide to heav'n.*

"Lord, as we start a new school year, may children and families know your blessings and light. Help us to face this coming winter, with its likely challenges, with courage, faith and generosity. May your Word be our guide." Amen

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

As we start to head towards autumn, another breeding season on the reserve is coming to an end. Like in previous years, this one has had mixed success with some species doing well and others sadly not doing so well.

We were optimistic that bittern would once again be present in the reedbeds on Elney and Holywell Lakes this year. As it turned out we had more bittern than anticipated with three territorial males calling on the lakes in the spring. This is our highest ever count and it would have been unthinkable just twenty years ago when there were fewer than fifty in the whole of the UK.

In past years it has been very difficult to get accurate counts of nesting black-headed gull and common tern on our islands due to overgrowing vegetation inhibiting views. This year, with the aid of our drone, we have been able to get much more accurate counts for the first time and it seems that all the work we carried out in the winter with the new floating fence on Ferry Mere, as well as the contractor work to re-profile the same island back in September, has paid off with black-headed gull numbers reaching around six hundred pairs on the island in May.

As the autumn and winter progress over the next few months, we will be busy carrying out habitat management work around the reserve to get it into the best possible condition for the 2023 breeding season. 'Wednesday Wander' - ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see details and book, please visit: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/19067>
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